



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit : 1764
Examiner : Thuan D. Dang
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Inventors : Akira Kitamura
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Title : METHOD FOR CONVERTING
: AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS

Customer No.: 035811

Docket No.: 1197-00

Confirmation No.: 1857

Dated: January 20, 2004

CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a two (2) month

- extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated August 26, 2003 from November 26, 2003 to January 26, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$420.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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